GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to build infrastructure and suitable priorities to implement the National Youth Policy, 2003 in order to maximise it`s contribution to National Development; and

(b) the details of achievements of said Policy, till date ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) and (b): The following steps have been taken under the National Youth Policy, 2003:

A National Inter-departmental Committee under the Chairpersonship of Secretary has been constituted to prepare draft National Action Plan for the implementation of the Policy.

The Ministry has taken a large number of initiatives to strengthen Youth Clubs under Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS). These include expanding their membership to cover adolescents, launching of Gandhi Gramodya Sankalp Abhiyan, introduction of the concept of Rural Connectivity through Information Technology, emphasis on Vocational Training etc. In this regard, the Ministry has sought convergence with other Ministries/Departments like Human Resource Development, Rural Development, Health & Family Welfare, Women and Child Development and Culture to promote youth development and their involvement in national development.

Adolescents have been recognized as a major segment under the National Youth Policy. The Ministry has formulated and launched a Scheme for Development and Empowerment of Adolescents, in the age group of 10-19 years. Under this scheme, non-governmental organizations, educational institutions etc., are being assisted to undertake projects and programmes relating to issues concerning adolescents.